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THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WASHINGTON

February 12, 1959

Dear Allen:

I appreciate very much your thoughtful and interesting letter of February 7.

I do hope the new building will carry the quotation, "Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free."

With warm regard,

Sincerely

Hon. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

P.S. The faith and prayers of our household are with Foster. The country and the world needs him.

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7 February 1959

The Honorable Esra Taft Benson Secretary of Agriculture Department of Agriculture Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Esra:

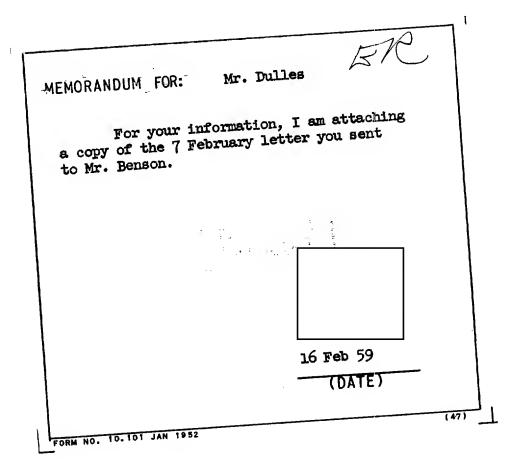
I happened to see an article in "Parade Magasine" by you in which you gave as your favorite Bible passage, "Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free". It is quite an extraordinary coincidence that several weeks ago, - and before I saw your article, - I contributed this same quotation to "This Week" which is carrying a series of favorite quotations, not limited to the Bible. I imagine that one of these days my contribution will appear in that magasine; however, you have deservedly stolen a march on me, but I thought that you might be amused at the coincidence.

Furthermore, as you know we are now in process of starting the construction of the new headquarters for C. I. A. out near Langley, Virginia. It has always been my purpose to use this quotation prominently as an inscription on the building. It seems to me particularly appropriate for the work that I am doing.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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Director



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